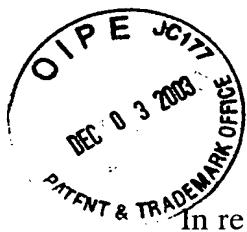


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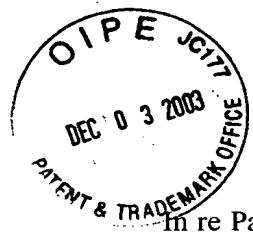
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- [ ] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [ ] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- [ ] Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$355.00 (279) [ ] \$710.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
  - [ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- [ ] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- [x] No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00 (104)					
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A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

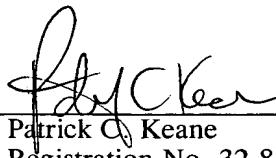
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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